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#### PLACEMENTS DOWN 3%

For the week ending May 27, 2006, growers placed 11.3 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 3.3% below the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.3 million) decreased 3.3% from comparable week in 2005. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 13.4 million, a decrease of 6.3% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 11.5 million for the week ending May 20, 2006 compared to 11.5 million slaughtered during the same week in 2005.

#### BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED ON DELMARVA

WEEK ENDING	EGGS SET 1/		CHICKS HATCHED 1/		CHICKS PLACED 2/	
	PREV YEAR	CURR YEAR	PREV YEAR	CURR YEAR	PREV YEAR	CURR YEAR
----- THOUSANDS -----						
04/01/06	13,746	13,776	11,688	11,452	11,690	11,452
04/08/06	14,281	13,777	11,857	11,449	11,858	11,449
04/15/06	14,143	13,579	11,488	10,987	11,610	11,031
04/22/06	14,290	13,818	11,430	11,274	11,432	11,274
04/29/06	14,061	13,709	11,871	11,272	12,058	11,272
05/06/06	14,131	13,683	11,776	11,157	11,777	11,157
05/13/06	14,347	13,688	11,889	11,225	11,892	11,225
05/20/06	14,344	13,886	11,593	11,244	11,594	11,244
05/27/06	14,352	13,445	11,695	11,311	11,697	11,311

1/ For all broiler-type chicks, including those intended for hatchery flocks.

2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments. None of those numbers are published to avoid disclosure of proprietary information.

\* Revised.

#### NEGOTIATED PRICE FOR TRUCKLOT OF READY-TO-COOK, ICE-PACK, GRADE A FRYERS (\$ per CWT) 1/

	WEEK ENDING	PREV. WEEK	PREV. MONTH	PREV. YEAR
	06/03/06			
New York Weighted Avg	57.96	54.25	69.60	71.29
12-City Composite 2/	64.06	61.27	58.77	73.20

1/ Source: U.S.D.A., Poultry Market News.

2/ 12-cities: Boston/New England, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis and San Francisco.